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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 1022 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 1022 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

AMIRICHIMEH ET AL.

Examiner

RAJ K. JAIN

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/3/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-7,11-14 and 18 renumbered 1-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Timothy Doyle on March 14, 2008.

- Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17 have been canceled.
- Claim 18 has been added.
- Claims 4 and 11 have been amended as follows;

4. (Currently Amended) A cross link multiplexer bus, comprising:

a plurality of cross link multiplexers, said plurality of cross link multiplexers having a destination port configured to receive a signal and an origin port configured to produce said signal; and

a plurality of interconnects, wherein a set of interconnects of said plurality of interconnects is coupled between a pair of adjacent cross link multiplexers of said plurality of cross link multiplexers;

wherein:

said signal is ~~capable of being~~ configured to be represented as a series of characters, and a character of said series of characters is ~~capable of being~~ configured to be represented as a first data bit, a second data bit, and a first control bit;

a first interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said first data bit, a second interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said second data bit, and a third interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said first control bit;

said first interconnect, said second interconnect, and said third interconnect are configured in a manner to reduce cross-talk;

said third interconnect is positioned substantially between said first interconnect and said second interconnect;

said series of characters is further configured to be represented as a third data bit, a fourth data bit, and a second control bit;

a fourth interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said third data bit, a fifth interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said fourth data bit, and a sixth interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said second control bit; and

said sixth interconnect is positioned substantially between said fourth interconnect and said fifth interconnect.

11. (Currently Amended) A cross link multiplexer bus, comprising:

a plurality of cross link multiplexers, said plurality of cross link multiplexers having a destination port configured to receive a signal, an origin port configured to produce said signal, a first power supply configured to provide a first voltage, and a second power supply configured to provide a second voltage, said first voltage is different from said second voltage; and

a plurality of interconnects, wherein a set of interconnects of said plurality of interconnects is coupled between a pair of adjacent cross link multiplexers of said plurality of cross link multiplexers;

wherein:

said signal is ~~capable of being~~ configured to be represented as a series of characters, and a character of said series of characters is ~~capable of being~~ configured to be represented as a first data bit and a second data bit;

a first interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said first data bit, a second interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said second data bit, and a third interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey one of said first voltage and said second voltage;

said first interconnect, said second interconnect, and said third interconnect are configured in a manner to reduce cross-talk;

said third interconnect is positioned substantially between said first interconnect and said second interconnect;

said character of series of characters is further configured to be represented as a third data bit and a fourth data bit;

a fourth interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said third data bit, a fifth interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey said fourth data bit, and a sixth interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey one of said first voltage and said second voltage; and

said sixth interconnect is positioned substantially between said fourth interconnect and said fifth interconnect.

18. (New) A cross link multiplexer bus, comprising:

_____ a first cross link multiplexer;

_____ a second cross link multiplexer;

_____ a destination port coupled to one of the first cross link multiplexer and the second cross link multiplexer and configured to receive a signal, wherein the signal is configured to be represented as a series of characters, a character of said series of characters is configured to be represented as a first data bit, a second data bit, a first control bit, a third data bit, a fourth data bit, and a second control bit;

_____ an origin port coupled to one of the first cross link multiplexer and the second cross link multiplexer and configured to produce the signal;

_____ a first interconnect coupled between the first cross link multiplexer and the second cross link multiplexer and configured to convey the first data bit;

_____ a second interconnect coupled between the first cross link multiplexer and the second cross link multiplexer and configured to convey the second data bit;

_____ a third interconnect coupled between the first cross link multiplexer and the second cross link multiplexer, said third interconnect positioned between the first interconnect and the second interconnect in a manner to reduce cross talk, and configured to convey one of the first control bit, a power supply voltage, and a ground voltage;

a fourth interconnect coupled between the first cross link multiplexer and the second cross link multiplexer and configured to convey the third data bit;

a fifth interconnect coupled between the first cross link multiplexer and the second cross link multiplexer and configured to convey the fourth data bit; and

a sixth interconnect coupled between the first cross link multiplexer and the second cross link multiplexer, said sixth interconnect positioned between the fourth interconnect and the fifth interconnect in a manner to reduce cross talk, and configured to convey one of the second control bit, the power supply voltage, and the ground voltage.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 4 is allowed;

The prior art discloses plurality of cross link multiplexers interconnected via set of interconnects from a plurality of interconnects and configured to receive and transmit data between the multiplexers and other devices as appropriate.

The prior art however fails to disclose a signal configured to be represented as a series of characters, and a character of said series of characters is configured to be represented as a first data bit, a second data bit, a first control bit, a third data bit, a fourth data bit, and a second control bit, and furthermore the cross link multiplexers having a fourth interconnect of said set of interconnects configured to convey said third data bit, a fifth interconnect of said set of interconnects configured to convey said fourth data bit, and a sixth interconnect of said set of interconnects configured to convey a

second control bit and said sixth interconnect is positioned substantially between said fourth interconnect and said fifth interconnect.

Claim 11 is allowed;

The prior art discloses plurality of cross link multiplexers interconnected via set of interconnects from a plurality of interconnects and configured to receive and transmit data between the multiplexers and other devices as appropriate.

The prior art however fails to disclose a signal configured to be represented as a series of characters and a character of said series of characters is configured to be represented as a first data bit, a second data bit, a third data bit, and a fourth data bit, and further the cross link multiplexers having a fourth interconnect of said set of interconnects configured to convey said third data_bit, a fifth interconnect of said set of interconnects configured to convey said fourth data_bit, and a sixth interconnect of said set of interconnects is configured to convey one of a first voltage and a second voltage wherein the first voltage is different from the second voltage and said sixth interconnect is positioned substantially between said fourth interconnect and said fifth interconnect.

Claim 18 is allowed;

The prior art discloses plurality of cross link multiplexers interconnected via set of interconnects from a plurality of interconnects and configured to receive and transmit data between the multiplexers and other devices as appropriate.

The prior art however fails to disclose a signal configured to be represented as a series of characters and a character of said series of characters is configured to be represented as a first data bit, a second data bit, first control bit, a third

data bit, a fourth data bit, and a second control bit, and further the cross link multiplexers having a fourth interconnect of said set of interconnects configured to convey said third data_bit, a fifth interconnect of said set of interconnects configured to convey said fourth data_bit, and a sixth interconnect positioned between the fourth interconnect and the fifth interconnect in a manner to reduce cross talk, and configured to convey one of the second control bit, a power supply voltage, and a ground voltage.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAJ K. JAIN whose telephone number is (571)272-3145. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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